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## PROGRESS OF STATE REGISTRATION

The Alabama bill for state registration which was approved by the Governor on August 6, is published in full in this JOURNAL and it will be seen that the State Nurses' Association submits to the Governor a list of physicians and nurses in good standing from which three physicians and two nurses are to be selected to constitute the Board of Examiners. Other terms of the bill are much the same as in a number of other states.

Another bill, subsequently introduced by Mr. Lee of the Public Health Committee, the text of which is also given, prohibits white female nurses from nursing in wards or rooms of hospitals, public or private, in which negro men are placed for treatment. This was vigorously opposed by members of the State Nurses' Association who suggested an amendment which would have given white women supervision over colored nurses and orderlies, but this was lost. They were unable to influence either the legislators or the Governor.

To those of us who have cared for colored patients in hospital wards, this seems a very arbitrary ruling. The reason given for such legislation was that the colored wards in some of the southern hospitals are not respectable places for white women, but the legislators seem to be blind to the fact that the fault for such conditions lies in the administration of the institution and is not the fault of either the white nurses or the colored patients.

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MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The policy of the directors of the American Nurses' Association at their October meetings was to postpone until January the discussion of some important questions and to invite all the state presidents to meet with them then for conference, especially upon the contemplated changes in the by-laws which, according to the plans submitted, would mean a reorganization of the plan of representation for our conventions. The growing recognition of the state associations as the important educational units of our system makes the attendance of the state presidents very important. We understand that there is some feeling that New York is not a sufficiently central place for such a conference, but it is now too late in the year to change the place of meeting for all the boards and committees. The advisability of holding these conferences in different parts of the country would be a point for discussion before the new by-laws are adopted.